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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 84, APRIL 27, 1976 (SALT
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1. DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSED HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION (ARTICLE
II.3) AFTER SOVIETS ASKED FOR US RESPONSE TO THEIR WORKING PAPER
OF APRIL 13. US ASKED HOW SOVIETS UNDERSTAND "CONSULTATION" IN
THIS CONTEXT. IN PARTICULAR, IF ONE SIDE WISHED TO DECLARE ONE
OF ITS OWN AIRCRAFT TO BE A HEAVY BOMBER, WOULD THIS REQUIRE AGREE-
MENT OF OTHER SIDE? SOVIETS ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THIS IS THEIR
UNDERSTANDING, SAYING THERE CAN BE NO UNILATERAL SOLUTIONS IN
THIS MATTER AND THAT "A COLUNTARISTIC APPROACH CANNOT BE CON-
SIDERED." HOWEVER, SOVIETS ALSO SAID IF US WISHED TO INCLUDE
A NEW HEAVY BOMBER OF ITS OWN IN FUTURE, IT COULD COUNT ON
POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING FROM SOVIET SIDE IN SCC. WHEN US
RAISED QUESTION OF FREEDOM-TO-MIX, SOVIETS QUESTIONED ITS
RELEVANCE TO THIS POINT AND REFERRED TO THEIR PROPOSED
ARTICLE VIII.

2. US ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO SOVIET USE OF TERM "NEW" IN
CONNECTION WITH AIRCRAFT TO BE INCLUDED AS HEAVY BOMBERS

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IN FUTURE. IN RESPONSE, SOVIETS SAID THEY ENVISION TWO

"CATEGORIES" OF HEAVY BOMBERS-THOSE NAMED AS SUBJECT TO BEING
COUNTED AT THE TIME AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE AND THOSE TO
BE DEVELOPED LATER WITH SIMILAR OR SUPERIOR CHARACTERISTICS.
NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 30. JOHNSON

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